



**Nunthorpe
Academy**

17 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As the first term of this academic year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our stakeholders for their dedication and resilience in the face of the significant challenges we have faced over the past 15 weeks.

Firstly, thanks goes to our students, who after spending six months out of the classroom have returned with focus, determination, and a hunger for learning.

I am continually impressed at the way they have adapted to the changes which we have been forced to put into place. Standing out, are our Year 7s who were brand new to the academy in September with little of the normal transition processes in place. Despite this, students have settled into Nunthorpe life successfully.

In equal measure, are our Year 11s and 13s who have exams at the end of this academic year. With the backdrop of Covid-19 and the much publicised government debate on exams, students have worked incredibly hard and taken ownership of their futures through study and commitment. Our students continue to be exceptional ambassadors for what we are striving to achieve in the academy.

None of this of course would be possible without the ongoing support of parents and cares. I am thankful for your patience and support over this incredibly challenging time in education. I know that many of you will have had children needing to self-isolate this term, and many, multiple times. Please can I ask that you continue to support us by following the national guidance on Covid-19, contacting the academy when students are ill and supporting us by promoting Covid secure behaviour in the academy but also to and from the academy.

Moving into the spring term, my hopes are that we can slowly make some progress towards returning to normality but this of course will be guided by the government. Our own systems and processes will continue to be reviewed to ensure our offer to students is as good as it can be. We also plan to make improvements and refinements to our remote learning offer, to ensure students who are self-isolating have a seamless learning experience.

Finally, on behalf of all members of the Nunthorpe academy team, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year and we look forward to welcoming all of our students back in 2021.

Yours sincerely

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